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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR CARTER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, LI (TOLBERT, PRESIDENT WILLIAM R.)

SUBJECT: TOLBERT STATE VISIT: HIS SCHEDULE

REF: MONROVIA 5794

1. WASHINGTON PORTION OF TRIP SCHEDULE DESCRIBED REFTL  
COINCIDES WITH THAT BEING WORKED OUT BY PROTOCOL AND  
AF/W WITH AMBASSADOR DENNIS, WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

(A) WREATH LAYING CEREMONY, WHICH CAN BE EASILY SCHEDULED  
AT ANY TIME, HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 10:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 23.

(B) PRESS BREAKFAST HAS BEEN MOVED UP FROM 0930 TO 0800  
ON SEPTEMBER 23. JOURNALISTS NORMALLY PREFER EARLIER  
STARTING TIME IN ORDER NOT TO DISRUPT MORNING WORK

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SCHEDULE.

(C) DEPARTURE FOR ATLANTA WOULD BE EFFECTED FROM DEPARTMENT DIRECTLY AFTER THE SECRETARY'S LUNCHEON AND PROBABLY CLOSER TO 1500 THAN 1600 ON SEPTEMBER 24.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO THE SEPTEMBER 30 DEPARTURE DATE FROM THE UNITED STATES, DEPARTMENT HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM AMBASSADOR DENNIS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THAT THE PRESIDENT WISHED TO DEPART THE US QTE BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH UNQTE. WE HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE REASON FOR THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

3. REGARDING NON-WASHINGTON PORTION OF TRIP, WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL LUNCHEON IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 28 AND BUSINESSMAN'S FUNCTION THE EVENING OF THE 27TH. AMB. DENNIS INFORMS US THAT LATTER IS BEING ORGANIZED BY FIRESTONE AT HIS REQUEST. WE UNDERSTAND MAYOR FRANK RIZZO'S OFFICE IS OFFERING A LUNCHEON ON THE 27TH. TOURS WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED TO SEE INDEPENDENCE HALL AND THE LIBERTY BELL. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ON THE 30TH FORBES PUBLICATION'S LUXURIOUS PRIVATE YACHT QTE HIGHLANDER UNQTE MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE IN NEW YORK FOR THE PRESIDENT'S RELAXATION.

4. VISIT TO LINCOLN MEMORIAL WAS INSPIRED BY QUEEN ELIZABETH'S VISIT THERE. NO CEREMONY IS INVOLVED, BUT A BRIEF VISIT AFFORDS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLICITY.

5. BLACK CAUCUS DINNER, WHICH IS AN ANNUALLY SCHEDULED FUND-RAISING EVENT, HAS BEEN SHIFTED FROM SEPTEMBER 23 TO SEPTEMBER 25.

6. WE UNDERSTAND ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN PROGRESS FOR A POSSIBLE STATE VISIT BY KENYATTA TO THE U.S. IN NOVEMBER. EMBASSY, IF IT WISHES, MAY ALTER DESCRIPTION OF TOLBERT VISIT FROM "ONLY" TO "FIRST" STATE VISIT BY AFRICAN HEAD OF STATE DURING BICENTENNIAL YEAR, BUT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT MENTION POSSIBILITY OF KENYATTA VISIT.

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7. AS STATED PREVIOUSLY, THE PRESIDENT NORMALLY DOES NOT ACCEPT RETURN INVITATIONS DURING STATE VISITS, AND THE LIBERIANS SHOULD BE CAUTIONED ACCORDINGLY. WE ARE PRESENTLY SEEKING TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THE PRESIDENT WOULD ACCEPT A RETURN INVITATION TO A RECEPTION FROM THE LIBERIANS ON THE EVENING OF THE 23RD.

8. TEXTS OF OFFICIAL REMARKS MADE AT VARIOUS FUNCTIONS

WILL BE SENT WHEN AVAILABLE. WE WILL ALSO CONFIRM CON-  
GRESSIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHEN KNOWN.

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